Highlights, recognition, and the future

Robert Wellen, Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers, writes:

We hope that from Monday (17th May 2021) more ringing in the Diocese will be possible: Guidance 17 May to 21 June – CCCBR, including more ringing on Sundays.

We were delighted to be joined by Bishop Andrew for our Annual Guild Festival and AGM on Saturday and had a good turnout of approximately 80 people on Zoom for the service and the meeting.

The music and the handbell ringing is on our Guild website (links below), with the mixture of handbells and images of some of the churches in the Diocese and the Cathedral being a highlight.

Handbell Ringing for 2021 Guild Festival – Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers (sdgr.org.uk)

Glad Bells Ring Loud and Clear – Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers (sdgr.org.uk)

Festival Hymns – Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers (sdgr.org.uk)

Our Guild AGM agreed unanimously to a proposal from our President Judith Williamson, that Bishop Nicholas should be made a Guild Vice President for life, in recognition of his extraordinary patronage of our Guild – as a ringer – over the last ten years.

As far as I know that has not been done for any previous Patron of our Guild. This recognises the time and support that the Bishop has given to ringing in the Diocese and to our Guild. I hope that we can arrange some form of simple presentation before Bishop Nicholas leaves in July.